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SUBJECT: TENERIFE WORKING GROUP SITREP NUMBER 9

SITUATION IN TENERIFE AS OF 0900 HRS EST 4/1/77

1. STATUS OF REMAINS: TENERIFE REPORTS THAT THE RUNWAY WILL NOT BE REPAIRED BEFORE SUNDAY MORNING. LOCAL CONTRACTOR ESTIMATES REPAIR CAN BE COMPLETED BY 1700 LOCAL TIME SATURDAY 4/2. PAN AM REPORTS THAT IT INTENDS TO AIRLIFT REMAINS OUT OF TENERIFE AS SOON AS RUNWAY OPENS. EMBASSY MADRID REPORTS DUTCH SHIPPED THEIR REMAINS OUT OF TENERIFE BY SURFACE VESSEL TO LAS PALMAS LAST NIGHT. KLM AIRCRAFT WITH REMAINS ABOARD SCHEDULED TO DEPART LAS PALMAS FOR HOLLAND SOME TIME TODAY. PAN AM REPORTS LOCAL SPANISH COURT RULED REMAINS MUST BE SHIPPED DIRECTLY FROM TENERIFE, BUT DUTCH GOVERNMENT INTERVENED TO OBTAIN PERMISSION TO SHIP REMAINS OUT VIA LAS PALMAS. PAN AM AT THIS MOMENT DOES NOT INTEND TO PRESS FOR SIMILAR PERMISSION. UNCLASSIFIED

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- 2. PERSONAL EFFECTS: EMBASSY REPORTS THAT SMALL PERCENTAGE OF PAN AM PERSONAL EFFECTS BECOME ACCIDENTALLY MIXED WITH KLM PERSONAL EFFECTS. THESE HAVE BEEN PLACED UNDER JURISDICTION OF LOCAL COURTS.
- 3. DEATH CERTIFICATION: EMBASSY MADRID REPORTS NEXT OF KIN

HAVE BEEN ASKING FOR DEATH CERTIFICATES. BASED ON WHAT IT NOW HAS, EMBASSY CAN ISSUE PRESUMPTIVE AND PRELIMINARY CERTIFICATES. AT THIS POINT THIS WILL MEAN MASSIVE EFFORT WITH LITTLE INFORMATION ON HAND.

- 4. IDENTIFICATION OF REMAINS: PAN AM BELIEVES MILITARY TODAY WILL APPROVE USE OF ARMY MORTUARY FACILITIES AT DOVER AFB. SECDEF AGREES TO USE OF DOVER PROVIDING STATE PROVIDES FUND CITE AND ACCEPTS FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR REMAINS. ESTIMATED COST FOR 2 MONTHS USE OF DOVER \$1 MILLION.
- 5. TASK FORCE: THE WORKING GROUP REMAINS IN OPERATION WITH MEMBERS ON 24- HOUR CALL. CHRISTOPHER

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